

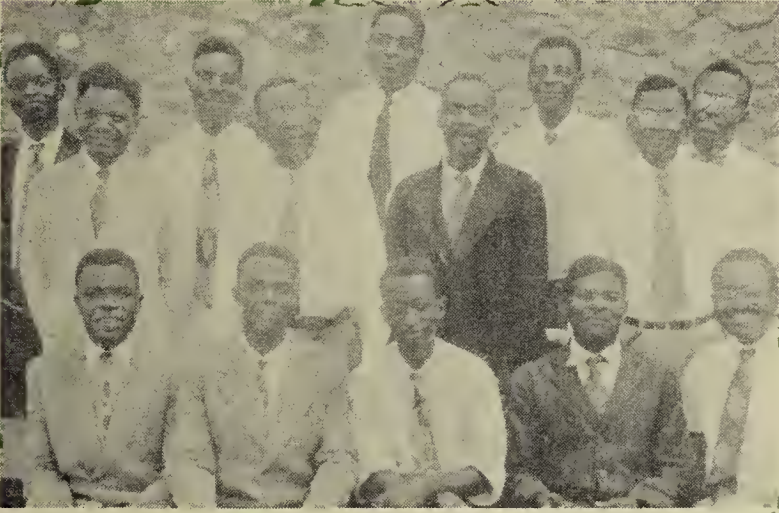
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# TRAINING

## CHRISTIAN LEADERS

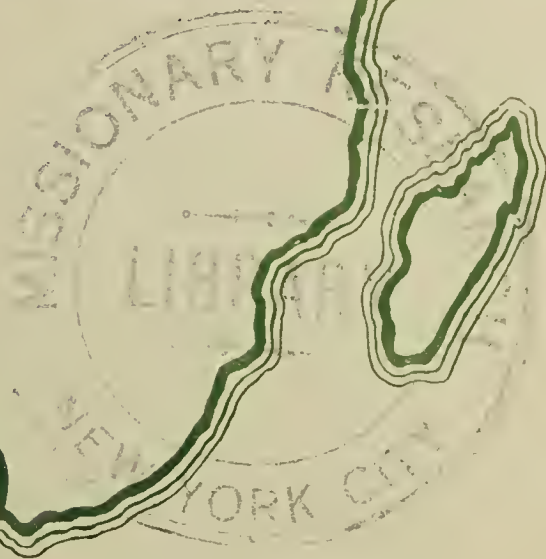


African Pastors at Conference

*for the  
Church  
in  
Congo*

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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING—

The Congo Church finds its setting in the midst of spirit worshipping pagans. It is a religion of fear - fear of curses, fear of spirits of ancestors, fear of sorcerers and witch doctors, and sometimes even fear of fear itself. And then came the Gospel. "God so loved..." and perfect love casts out fear. The transforming power of the Gospel began its mighty work. One stepped out of darkness into The Light, then another and still another. And so the Church of Christ in Congo was born.

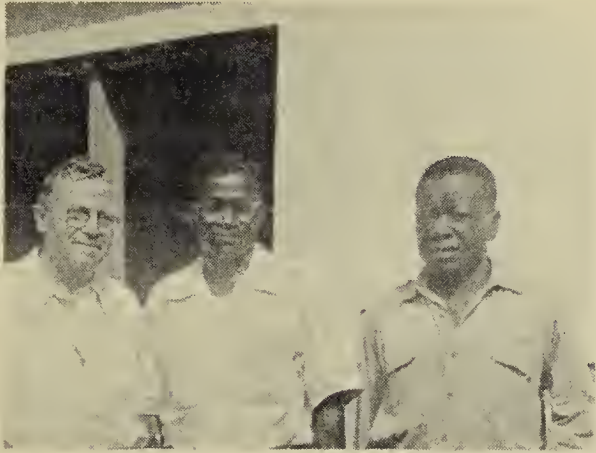
As a group of believers met together, learned the privileges and responsibilities of being Christians, the Holy Spirit called some to proclaim the Gospel message to his fellowmen in nearby villages. Those who stayed behind, prayed and gave of their meager means to support the one who went. Following the New Testament pattern, the Church became a witnessing church from its beginning - a SELF-PROPAGATING church. It also financed its own missionary program - a SELF-SUP-



Evangelist Preaching the Gospel

## .....*Its Background*

Rev. Frank Enns,  
Pastors Ngongo  
David, and Mu-  
azemba Pierre.



PORTING church.

The church, under God, grew. It extended over an increasingly large area, it grew in numbers, in spiritual vitality. To meet the growing need of leadership, evangelists with vision and ability were chosen as overseers and some as pastors. These have supervised the work under the missionary's direction. The pastors have baptized, given communion, and promoted the work of the Lord. But with a rising literacy, a better trained ministry is needed. Pastors who before stood a head above their church members, now find their training is not adequate for the "New Congo."

Today among more than one-half million people, we give gratitude to God that there is a church of some 18,000 members. A core of 500 teacher-evangelists are giving out the Word, conducting daily and weekly services, instructing new believers in preparation for baptism, teaching the village children to read and write, establishing Gospel beachheads in every village possible.

This group of Christians needs leaders, the evangelists need those to guide them, counsel with them, encourage them in the challenging task before them. A trained leadership is sorely needed to meet this growing demand.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING—

If Africa is to be evangelized, it must be done by Africans. The Congo church must be rooted in Congo soil, propagated by Congolese, supported by Congolese, governed by Congolese. They must understand Christ, not as a "white man's Christ" but as their Savior and the Savior of the world. Christianity to them must not bear a "western" taint, but it must be shown applicable and sufficient for every Congolee heart.

The hour's crying need is an African LEADERSHIP to shepherd the rapidly growing flock. This



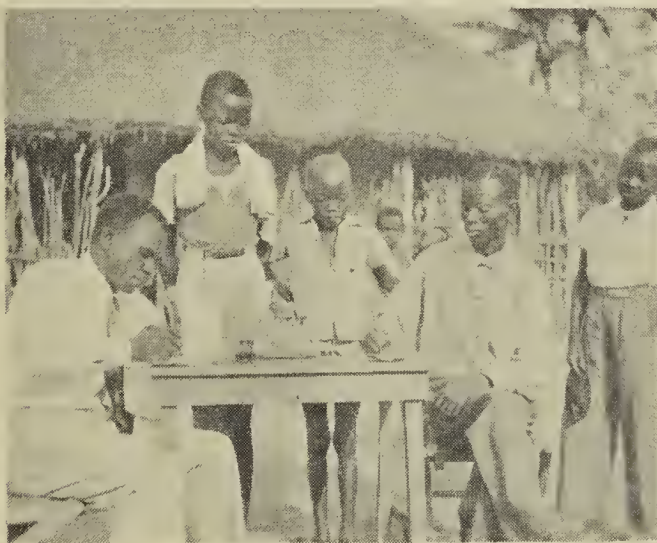
Counselling with Church Leaders

leadership must be consecrated. It must find its foundation on the Bible. It must be capable of efficiently spreading the Gospel, of teaching Christians in their new found faith, of settling disputes arising in the Church. It must be prepared to sense trends, dangers, and opportunities in the Church. It must be, in short, trained -

## .....*Its Strategy*

WELL trained.

The *Bible Institute* is dedicated to this task. It seeks to train men, not in large numbers, but carefully chosen men who are capable, consecrated, and proven in the Lord's service. It seeks to send these forth with a good comprehension of the Word of God. It seeks to lead each one into a deeper personal walk with the Lord. It endeavors to train men in leadership, shepherding the flock, in the administration of the church program, and in aggressively extending the outreach of the Gospel message.



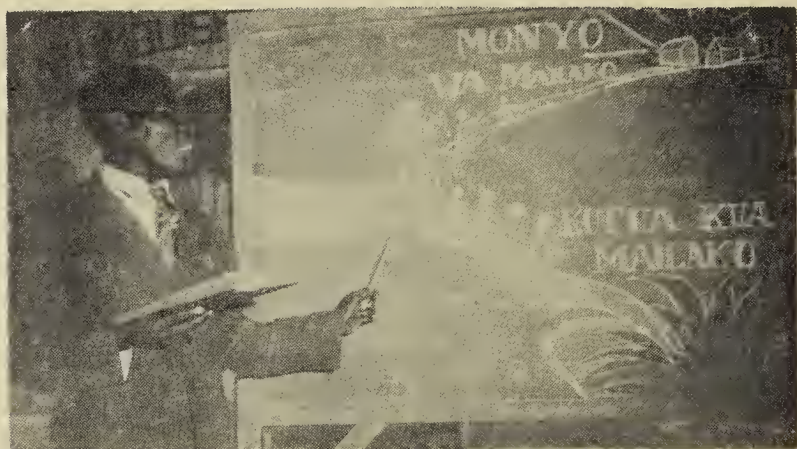
Overseer records church donations

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*Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer.--A. T. Pierson*

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING—

....*Its Program*.....



Blackboard Lesson - The Two Ways

The courses of instruction in the *Bible Institute* are planned to meet the particular need of the Congo Church. These include Bible content courses from both the Old and New Testaments. They also include principles of interpretation that will enable the student to study the Bible for himself and gain spiritual help and to understand its message. Personal commitment to Christ and a genuine consecration to Him are basics to future effective service.

Methods of Christian service form another part of the curriculum - Preaching, Teaching, Personal Evangelism, Music, Youth Work, and Visual Aids. Instruction is offered on keeping church records, managing church finances, Sunday School and Church Administration, church organization and polity. Typing has been introduced to aid in effective handling of correspondence and record keeping.

The *Bible Institute* was located at Tshikapa because of the large concentration of population



## ..... at *The Bible Institute*

there, as well as, opportunities for witnessing in the large hospital operated by the Diamond Company and the Territorial Prison.

Thus the practical work of each student provides experience in all types of service which will be his responsibility as shepherd of a congregation. Theory is constantly put to practice. Opportunities beside the above mentioned include preaching both in urban and rural communities, D.V.B.S., Sunday School teaching, Women's Meetings, Personal Work, Young Peoples' services, Evangelistic Campaigns. Experience in Church Ad-



Village Teacher Preaching the Gospel

ministration is plentiful in serving on the local "church board," taking turns in "pastoring" the local church, assisting in baptismal services, conducting surveys, etc.

# THE BIBLE INSTITUTE—

## .....*Its Faculty*

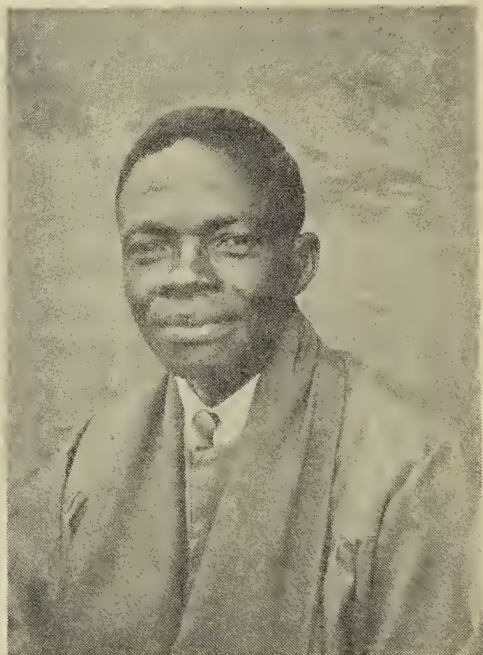
The faculty of the *Bible Institute* brings together a corps of teachers of wide experience both in Congo and in America.

Miss Fanny Schmallenberger, instructor and linguist, in the Congo fills an important place on the faculty. Rev. Archie Graber has served on the field since 1930 and has made an effective contribution in the evangelistic pro-

gram at both Charlesville and Tshikapa stations. Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wiebe and Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Harder have both had experience teaching in Christian schools in America as well as working with the evangelistic department on the field.

Kaleta Emile, a graduate of the *Bible Institute* in the class of 1955, is engaged teaching on the staff. He has had both teaching and evangelistic experience at Charlesville station, and before entering the Bible Institute was an overseer there.

The beautiful Administration and Classroom building provided by the sacrificial stewardship of God's people provides ample room for the complete training program of the men and their wives.



Kaleta Emile - Instructor



## .....*Its Facilities*

The "L" shaped structure provides one room for the Women's classes, which include reading, Bible, homemaking, sewing, etc.

Another room is equipped as a Library and is to include a good selection of Tshiluba, French and English religious books. Two rooms are lecture rooms, and the office in the central part is well lighted and roomy, serving both as the station evangelistic office and office for the *Bible Institute*.



The Bible Institute Building--  
Dedicated February 24, 1956

Two dormitory duplexes have been built to accommodate smaller families of students. In 1956 eight single family units were constructed for student quarters, and a house for the African teacher as well.

## THE BIBLE INSTITUTE—

One class of seven graduates has completed the course at the *Bible Institute* in October, 1955. They are engaged in the work of the Lord in various capacities throughout the mission.



Graduates of the Bible Institute--October, 1955

Two of the men, Falanga Elie and Kasanda David, are engaged in teaching in the young men's Bible Schools (*Ecole Evangelique*) on their respective stations, thus multiplying their own influence in the lives of others. One is translating a commentary into his native language for the use of many in years to come.

Two, Katalai Samuel and Bonge John, are in rural pastorates, holding oversight over a considerable area, encouraging evangelists, counseling with Christians, etc.

One, Kabangu Thomas, is pastor in the large urban church at the large diamond mining camp at

## ..... *Its Product*

Tshikapa.

Mukendi Pierre (Peter), a trained carpenter, is working at Tshikapa station faithfully serving the Lord as a leader there.

It has been gratifying to see the work progress as these men have gone back to their respective fields of service. The Lord's blessing has been richly upon them, many souls have been saved, the church has moved forward and many Christians have been established through their ministries.

Pray that the Lord may provide an increasing abundance of fruit as they labor for Him.



Christian Family Life--A testimony  
to God's grace.

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We are the children of the converts of foreign missionaries, and fairness means that I must do to others as men once did for me.---Maltie Babock



# THE BIBLE INSTITUTE —

## .....*Its Need*

1. *Spiritual Needs* - For the spiritual needs of the *Bible Institute* we plead your continued prayers. As God enables we shall go forward to conquer in His Name.

2. *Material Needs* - The financial needs of the *Bible Institute* must be met through the supply of God's people in America. A few of these needs are listed below with the prayer that God will lay it upon your heart to assume the obligation for one of these projects.

\$100.00 will provide for one student's scholarship to study in the *Bible Institute* one year.

\$300.00 will provide for an African teacher's salary for one year.

\$500.00 will pay for a dormitory for one family.

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US."

Send your contribution to

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